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| Y | US 5,869,456 A (LEVY ET AL) 9 February 1999, see abstract and claims. | 32-45 |
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CAS on line, EAST. Search terms used: N-acetyl L-cysteine choline ester, glutathione choline ester, amino acid or peptide and transport to cells.